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April 8, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT  
ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT  
OF INSURANCE (SCDI) FOR THE ORGANIZED AUTOMOBILE FRAUD  
INTERDICTION ACTIVITY "URBAN GRANT" PROGRAM FOR  
FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2007-08 (ALL DISTRICTS) (4-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The District Attorney's Office is submitting a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$1,345,000, for the Urban Grant Program due to an increased grant award from the Department of Insurance and carryover funding from FY 2006-07. This funding will increase investigation and prosecution of organized automobile insurance fraud activity.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the District Attorney to accept \$650,790 in additional grant funding from SCDI for the Urban Grant Program covering the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. There is no required County match for this grant.
2. Approve the attached budget adjustment to allocate spending authority based on the total amount allocated by SCDI to the Urban Grant program this fiscal year.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On April 17, 2007, the Board approved a three-year grant award from SCDI to the District Attorney's Office (DA) for the Urban Grant Program in the amount of \$5,939,700 or \$1,979,900 each year, for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009. On September 21, 2007 the SCDI notified the DA that additional funds in the amount of \$650,790 were awarded to the Urban Grant Program for a total grant award of \$2,630,690 for FY 2007-08.

In addition, carryover funds in the amount of \$1,026,565 were approved for use in FY2007-08. Therefore, the total available funding from SCDI for this program is \$3,657,255, of which \$2,313,000 was included in the DA's FY 2007-08 budget. A budget adjustment for the difference of \$1,344,255 is needed to allocate appropriation for the full amount allocated to the program.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Acceptance of the additional grant funds supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by securing available revenue to offset program costs. This program directly supports the DA's core mission of prevention, deterrence and prosecution of felony crime throughout the County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The SCDI allocated a total of \$3,657,255 for the Urban Grant Program in FY 2007-08 however only \$2,313,000 was included in the DA's budget for a difference of \$1,344,255. An appropriation adjustment for salary and employee benefits in the amount of \$200,000, services and supplies in the amount of \$793,000, and equipment in the amount of \$352,000 is necessary for the program to fully expend the allocated amount.

The additional grant award and carryover will enable the Urban Grant Program to maintain staffing by funding salary and employee benefits increases, overtime, supplies and equipment.

There is no net County cost associated with this program.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1874.8 of the California Insurance Code, the State Department of Insurance is authorized to award and distribute certain funds to district attorneys submitting plans approved by the Bureau of Fraudulent Claims for the increased investigation and prosecution of organized automobile insurance fraud activity.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the DA's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.



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**CONCLUSION**

Following Board approval, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to call Ms. Emily Aidells at (213) 202-7674 when one copy of the adopted Board Letter is available for pick up. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Aidells.

Respectfully submitted,



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District Attorney

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c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Budget Section

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office**  
**Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

**Department:** District Attorney

**Grant Project Title and Description      Auto Fraud "Urban Grant" Program**

The State Organized Automobile Fraud Interdiction Activity "Urban Grant" Program combats organized automobile insurance fraud and economic auto theft activity in California's urban areas. This program is designed to increase the investigation and prosecution of this widespread crime in Los Angeles County. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, with the collaboration of the California Highway Patrol, CDI, and the Los Angeles Police Department has broken up numerous staging gangs that have caused millions of dollars in losses.

**Funding Agency**  
California Department of Insurance

**Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)**  
Urban Grant (AB1050)

**Grant Acceptance Deadline**

**Total Amount of Grant Funding:** \$650,000\*

**County Match:** \$0

**Grant Period:** FY2007-2008    **Begin Date:** July 1, 2007

**End Date:** June 30, 2008

**Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:** 16

**Full Time:** 14    **Part Time:** 2

\*This amount is in addition to the regular grant award received in FY2007-08 in the amount of \$1,979,900.

**Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires**

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes ☒ No ☐

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes ☐ No ☒

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes ☐ No ☒

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes ☐ No ☒  
(Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes ☒ No ☐

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:** None

**Other requirements not mentioned above:** None

**Department Head Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*S.L. C...*

**Date** 3/25/08



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF District Attorney's Office**

DEPT'S. 370  
No.April 8, 2008<sup>19</sup>**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR**

FY 2007-08

4 -- VOTES

**Sources**


88  
 District Attorney  
 A01 - DA - 8831 - 14030  
 State - Other - \$1,345,000  
 Increase Revenue

**Uses**

District Attorney  
 A01 - DA - 1000 - 14030  
 Salaries & Employee Benefits - \$200,000  
 Increase Appropriation  
  
 District Attorney  
 A01 - DA - 2000 - 14030  
 Services & Supplies - \$793,000  
 Increase Appropriation  
  
 District Attorney  
 A01 - DA - 6030 - 14030  
 Fixed Assets - Equip \$352,000

**JUSTIFICATION**

This Budget Adjustment allocates the unbudgeted revenue from the State of California, Department of Insurance for the Automobile Fraud Interdiction Activity "Urban Grant" program. The additional appropriation will provide sufficient funds needed to successfully implement the program.

  
 Norbert Ruiz, Chief

Budget &amp; Fiscal Services Division

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT****ADOPTED**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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*Sachi A. Hamai*  
 SACHI A. HAMAI  
 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR—

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

RECOMMENDATION

March 27 2008

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Jacqueline White

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED):  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY

*Heidi J. Uy*  
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